

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20554**

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IN REPLY REFER TO:
1800B3-DW

David Eriksen
710 China Lake Blvd.
Ridgecrest, CA 93555

In re: K296DW, Lone Pine, CA
Facility ID No. 41555
Silent since November 15, 2012

Request for Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Eriksen:

This letter concerns the request you filed on September 9, 2013, for Special Temporary Authority to permit FM Translator Station K296DW to remain silent.

Your request states that Station K296DW went silent on November 15, 2012, for technical reasons. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.¹

Your request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station K296DW to remain silent not to exceed 180 days from the date of this letter. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station K296DW will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., November 16, 2013.**² See Section 312(g) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

The station's silent status does not suspend the licensee's obligation to comply with all other relevant Commission rules, including the filing, when appropriate, of applications for renewal of broadcast license. It is imperative to the safety of air navigation that any prescribed painting and illumination of the station's tower shall be maintained until removed. See 47 C.F.R. §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).

Finally, Section 73.1740(a)(4) of the Commission's Rules permits licensees to temporarily discontinue operations for good cause, and for a period not to exceed 30 days without further authority. See 47 C.F.R. § 73.1740(a)(4). This rule requires that the licensee notify the Commission by letter not later than the 10th day of limited or discontinued operations, and requires a licensee to seek Commission authorization for any period of limited or discontinued operations exceeding 30 days. You failed to

¹ In the event extension of special temporary authority is sought, please renew the certification in this matter.

² In addition to filing electronically with the Commission on the date operations resume, notification of resumption of broadcast operations must be emailed to Denise.Williams@FCC.gov.

submit a timely request for an STA to permit Station K296DW to remain silent beyond December 15, 2012, and the action taken herein shall not be construed as authorizing the station to remain silent between December 15, 2012, and September 9, 2013.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lisa Scanlan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lisa" and last name "Scanlan" clearly distinguishable.

Lisa Scanlan
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Media Bureau